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FM AMEMBASSY MANILA

TO AMEMBASSY TOKYO NIACT IMMEDIATE

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DEPTO 52

1. DEPUTY SECRETARY AND PARTY HAVE LEARNED TO OUR GREAT DIS-  
MAY THAT, ONCE AGAIN, SCHEDULING CHANGES INVOLVING COMMERCIAL  
FLIGHTS HAVE FORCED A CHANGE IN TRAVEL PLANS. THIS LATEST  
CHANGE, IN ESSENCE, THE CANCELLATION OF THE PAKISTAN AIRLINES  
FLIGHT WHICH WAS TO CARRY THE PARTY TO TOKYO, WAS CONVEYED TO  
US APPROXIMATELY ONE-HALF HOUR BEFORE WE WERE TO LEAVE FOR  
THE AIRPORT.

2. EMBASSY MANILA HAS SUCCEEDED IN BLOCKING SEVEN FIRST  
CLASS SEATS FOR THE TRAVELING PARTY ON THE ONLY AVAILABLE  
FLIGHT FROM MANILA TO TOKYO WHICH WILL PERMIT CONNECTION  
WITH PAN AM FLIGHT 008. DEPUTY SECRETARY ROBINSON HAS  
REQUESTED THAT THE PARTY TRAVEL TOGETHER IF AT ALL POSSIBLE,  
AND ONLY THESE SEATS WERE AVAILABLE.

3. PARTY THEREFORE WILL DEPART MANILA ON PHILIPPINES  
AIRLINES FLIGHT 428 AT 0745 HOURS MANILA TIME, NON STOP  
FOR TOKYO, ARRIVING AT APPROXIMATELY 1230 HOURS TOKYO  
TIME.

4. TOKYO PLEASE NOTE: PHILIPPINES AIRLINES SHOWS  
THIS PARTICULAR FLIGHT FOR TODAY, AUGUST 7, NOT TO BE  
OPERATING. THE FLIGHT IS OPERATING, HOWEVER, BUT HAS BEEN  
CHARTERED BY A JAPANESE TRAVELING GROUP. PHILIPPINES  
AIRLINES HAS PURCHASED BACK THE SEVEN SEATS, WHICH IN ANY  
CASE WERE UNOCCUPIED, FROM THE TRAVELING GROUP IN ORDER TO BE  
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ABLE TO RESELL THEM TO DEPSEC PARTY. WE ARE FURNISHING THIS

INFORMATION TO YOU IN THE EVENT YOU ARE TOLD BY AIRPORT  
AUTHORITIES IN TOKYO THAT THE FLIGHT IS NOT OPERATING.

5. FOR TOKYO: BAGGAGE ARRANGEMENTS FURNISHED IN MANILA  
11754 (DEPTO 47) STILL APPLY.

6. FOR DEPARTMENT: IN PASSING, AND HOPEFULLY AS PARTY DEPARTS,  
WE REGISTER THE ONLY BRIGHT NOTE IN THIS EPISODE: EMBASSY MANILA'S  
EXTRADORDINARY WILLINGNESS AND ABILITY TO WORK WONDERS IN  
SOLVING THIS PROBLEM FOR US. THEIR EFFORTS NOW ARE THE BEST  
EXAMPLE OF THE FIRST-RATE SUPPORT PARTY HAS ENJOYED DURING  
MANILA STOP.  
ROBINSON

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